

Walk When the Moon Is Full Program

2011 Schedule for the Ava/Cassville/Willow Springs Ranger District

The Walk When the Moon is Full program also known as the “Moon Walk Program” provides an outdoor educational experience for forest visitors. These programs offer a closer look at the culture, history, and natural resources of the Missouri Ozarks. We hope to foster an understanding and appreciation for these resources that will lead visitors toward stewardship of public lands.

Moon Walk programs are held on a Friday night close to the official full moon and begin at 6:30 p.m.

Programs usually last about 1-2 hours and consist of a presentation and sometimes our participants or “Moon Walkers” go for a short walk of no more than a mile. Presenters are experts in their field and come from all around the Ozarks.

Collector pins for each Moon Walk program will be available.

Be Prepared

The Moon Walk program evening experience includes travel to the site. Drive slowly and give yourself time to enjoy the forest and all that inhabit it.

Remember that a drive through the forest on gravel roads could take up to an hour of driving time without stopping.

Dress for the weather. Pack water and snacks. Bring a folding chair and a flashlight depending on the location of a program.

All Moon program times and places are subject to change due to the weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

For More Information:

Contact the Ava/Cassville/Willow Springs Ranger District at:

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Willow Springs Unit



May 13 – Hiker's Moon

Join us at Blue Spring Trailhead in North Fork Campground for information on “Leave no trace” hiking and camping, trails in the forest, and a short hike to Blue Spring.



June 17 – Water Dog Moon

At the Star Theater in Willow Springs, Missouri, come learn to about these very large, aquatic salamanders. Ozark hellbenders are listed as State Endangered in Missouri and as a proposed species on the federal endangered species list.

Cassville Unit



July 15 –Bat Moon

Join us for presentation on the wondrous bats of Missouri, a demonstration of survey methods, learn about habitat management and white nose syndrome at Shell Knob Pavilion.



August 12 – Invasive Species Moon

This program will focus on identification of various invasive and noxious weed species in Missouri, and ways of controlling their spread and infestation. It is targeted toward landowners or anyone interested in controlling invasive species.

Ava Unit

September 9 - Monarchs Moon **NEW PIN!**

Come learn about the monarch migration, habitat needs and restoration efforts at the Ava community building.



October 14 – Cavers Moon

Come find out about caves in “The Cave State”, cave management on the Mark Twain National Forest and caving ethics at the Ava community building.

Detailed directions to each program and cancellation information can be obtained from the local newspaper, the US Forest Service number and website listed on this brochure or by becoming a member of the Moon Walk email list.

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